

NATIONAL PRIORITIES LIST (NPL)

Proposed/Final Site

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DELTA SHIPYARDS | **Houma, Louisiana**
Terrebonne Parish

Field Code Changed

Site Location:

The former Delta Shipyard (Site) is located at 200 Dean Court in southeastern Houma; Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana. The facility is located in a mixed industrial/residential area south of the City of Houma, Louisiana. The site is not fenced, nor is there any site security to limit public access to the site. The site is bordered to the north by Elevated Boats Inc (EBI), to the east by Company Canal waterway, to the south by an industrial crane company and to the west by Bayou LaCarpe.

Site History:

Delta Shipyard was a cleaning and repair facility for small cargo boats, fishing boats, and oil barges. Before repair work could begin, the boats had to be certified vapor free by the U.S. Coast Guard. In order to accomplish this, the boats were first steam cleaned to remove oily wastes. Recovered oil that was still deemed usable was recovered and sold. The remaining oily waste from the cleaning process was stored in several unlined earthen pits used as evaporation ponds. These pits were reportedly also used to dispose of oil field drilling material. Delta Shipyard was owned by Delta Ironworks, Inc. The entire property consisted of 165 acres and was home to seven divisions of Delta Ironworks, including Delta Shipyard. In 1973, Delta Ironworks was merged into Chromalloy American Corporation of St. Louis, Missouri. Chromalloy maintained all seven of the divisions until November 1980, when five of the divisions were sold to Delta Services Industries of Houma, Louisiana including Delta Shipyard. Mr. Lynn Dean (of Dean Boats, Inc.) purchased 110 acres of the industrial park from Delta Services in 1986 including the property owned by Delta Shipyard. In January 2012 the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (LDEQ) asked EPA for assistance in evaluating this site for both Removal and Remedial consideration.

Site Contamination/Contaminants:

The area of concern consists of three evaporation pits located approximately 800 feet south of the EBI fabrication building and east of Dean Court Road. These pits are located in a wetland and are subject to inundation with potential release of waste into nearby waterways. The volume of hazardous materials associated with the three pits is estimated to be greater than 30,000 cubic yards. EPA conducted an integrated assessment in August, 2012. Sampling documented the release of arsenic, antimony, anthracene, barium, benzene, cadmium, chromium, ethylbenzene, fluorene, lead, manganese, mercury, 2-methylnaphthalene, naphthalene, phenanthrene, pyrene, o-xylene, and m,p-xylene to the surface water pathway.

Potential Impacts on Surrounding Community/Environment:

Large volume of wastes remain on site, releases of hazardous substances have been documented on-site, in ground water and have been released to wetlands and the surface water pathway. The closest residential property is located approximately 400 feet west of the open pits. Without remediation of the site, additional releases to ground water, surface water and soil will continue to occur.

Response Activities (to date):

No EPA, State or PRP response actions have taken place.

Need for NPL Listing:

The site was referred to EPA in 2012 from the LDEQ. The State of Louisiana does not have the funds to remediate this site and feels without listing the site contamination will continue to pose a risk to human health and the environment.

[The description of the site (release) is based on information available at the time the site was evaluated with the HRS. The description may change as additional information is gathered on the sources and extent of contamination. See 56 FR 5600, February 11, 1991, or subsequent FR notices.]

For more information about the hazardous substances identified in this narrative summary, including general information regarding the effects of exposure to these substances on human health, please see the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) ToxFAQs. ATSDR ToxFAQs can be found on the Internet at <http://www.atsdr.cdc.gov/toxfaq.html> or by telephone at 1-888-42-ATSDR or 1-888-422-8737.